

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-19. (Previously canceled)

20-22. (Currently canceled)

23-28. (Previously canceled)

29-32. (Currently canceled)

33. (New) An isolated protease-sensitive peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence:

R1-X1-X2-Asn-Asp-R2

wherein X1 and X2 can be the same or different amino acid residues, wherein R1 is an amino acid residue, and R2 is an amino acid residue or a peptide.

34. (New) An isolated protease-sensitive peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence:

R1-X1-X2-Asn-Asp-R2

wherein X1 and X2 can be the same or different amino acid residues, wherein R1 is an amino acid residue or a peptide, and R2 is an amino acid residue.

35. (New) The isolated protease-sensitive peptide of claim 33 or 34, wherein X1 and X2 are both Lys.

36. (New) An isolated protease-sensitive peptide consisting of the sequence of XCPXXEEKKNDRICTNCCAGXKG (SEQ ID NO: 16).

37. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the isolated protease sensitive peptide of any one of claims 33-34 and 36.

38. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the isolated protease sensitive peptide of claim 35.